

HOUSE RESOLUTION 294
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Lee "Bobby"
Gaither of Tipton County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Robert Lee "Bobby" Gaither; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaither was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaither served with acumen and alacrity in multiple capacities for this great State and Nation, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, a decorated veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam war eras, Mr. Gaither retired from the United States Army in 1972 after twenty years of gallant service to this Nation; his courage and valor earned him two Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaither was involved in law enforcement throughout much of his life, serving as a Police Officer for the Somerville Police Department and as a Deputy Sheriff for the Fayette County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Gaither had worked as a commercial pilot and as a crop duster in West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born in Williston, Tennessee, on June 14, 1932, Mr. Gaither was the son of the late Aubrey Gaither and the late Edna Price Gaither; he pursued his education in the public schools of Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, he had been a resident of the Randolph community of Tipton County for the past twelve years and was active in a local Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Gaither was deeply devoted to his wife, the former Mary Frances Anderson, with whom he entered into the holy union of marriage on June 2, 1952; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaither was the proud father of daughters, Mary Elaine Scott and Beverly Ann Gaither, and son, R. Louis Gaither; and

WHEREAS, known as a devoted family man and an individual who possessed a deep love for his country, Bobby Gaither will also be sorely missed by his sister, Lillian Smith; brother, Aubrey Lynn Gaither, Jr.; and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Gaither leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Mr. Robert Lee "Bobby" Gaither, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a law enforcement officer and career member of the U.S. Army and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gaither.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.